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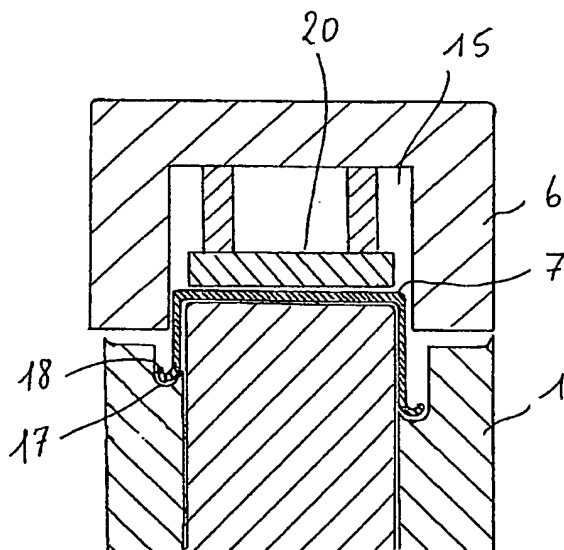
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(57) Abstract: A method of forming a metal sheet blank (7)
by deep-drawing the sheet blank (7) so as to produce a deep-
drawn pre-form (7) having a base portion (8) and a skirt por-
tion (9) extending at substantially right angles therefrom. The
height of the skirt portion (9) varies around the perimeter of
the pre-form (7) so as to provide a skirt (9) having a curved
edge course (10), and subsequently processing said curved
edge (10) to obtain a curled or bent edge (10) having a curved
course. The invention also relates to a tool (1,6) and an appa-
ratus for forming a sheet blank and to a lid or container (7).